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Ontario Farmers Get New Marketing Board; Promotion Plan

Two new marketing organizations are in the works for Ontario farmers. A promotion plan to sell apples, and a marketing board to handle eggs and poultry sales are to be set up under Ontario marketing legislation.

Both decisions were announced this week. The Ontario Farm Products Marketing Board, the body responsible for administering provincial marketing legislation, has recommended this action after plebiscites found both producer groups in favour of these proposed programs.

Hon. Wm. A. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture, announced that an Egg and Poultry Producers' Marketing Board would be set up immediately. It is expected that this new board will be in operation in a very short time. Producers voted 68.4 per cent in favour of the establishment of a marketing plan.

Mr. Stewart also announced the establishment of a plan to promote the sales of apples and apple products.

This is not a marketing board, rather a body set up by the producers to stimulate the sale of Ontario apples through advertising.

This plan also has provision for (Continued on Page 3)



OFFICIALS, VISITORS At OKOTOKS: This group represents the various organizations which took part in the series of district conventions last month. Fraternal greetings and expressions of encouragement for future undertakings, along with a brief review of the activities of the speaker's own organization, were generally included in their addresses to the delegates. Left to right: Walter Smart Jr., FUA; Al Gorrel, Co-op Insurance; Mrs. Hallum, FWUA; A. W. Platt, UFA Co-op; Allen Gant, Co-op Insurance; Norman Bell, Alberta Wheat Pool; Paul Babey, FUA; Mrs. Bette Papp, Acting Secretary for District 12; Snow Sears, Vice-President, UGG; District 12 Director C. J. Versluys.

FARM SAFETY WEEK AUGUST 1-7

One member of every fourth farm family will be killed or seriously injured this year!

Farming continues to rank as the third most hazardous occupation, says the National Safety League. In its announcement of the 1964 Farm Safety Week, the League says that if present trends continue, 2,400 deaths, and 33,000 injuries will be counted resulting from accidents to farm people in Canada.

This year, Alberta will observe Farm Safety Week later than

other parts of the continent. This is because many farm accidents occur during the harvest season. Harvest starts later in Alberta than in most other places, so we will observe the first week in August.

Emphasis is being placed on three programs for safety. One is the placing of reflective tape on the backs of all farm machinery ever using public roads. For instance, a combine with this tape fixed to the rear end would be made more visible to overtaking drivers, especially at night.

A second idea being promoted this year is the placing of flag staffs on all slow moving, hard-to-see-from-a-distance farm implements moved on public roads. A discer, for instance, down in a hallow might not be seen soon enough from a car travelling at high speed.

Third item on the list, the new

"slow moving implement" symbol, a triangle of day-glo paint and reflective tape, visible from a long distance by night or day, can warn drivers of implements on the road.

This sign should be affixed to a flag staff on the back of the implement. These signs are available now from the Alberta Safety Council.

ALC Director Retires

The retirement of Mr. C. D. Lane of Neutral Hills, Alberta from the Board of Directors of the Alberta Livestock Co-operative was announced at the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Association, July 8 and 9, at the Macdonald Hotel in Edmonton.

Mr. Lane has served the ALC for many years. When he retired, he was second vice-president. He has been succeeded by Mr. H. H. Peterson of Bentley.

Mr. C. P. Hayes of Strome was re-elected as president; Carl Anderson of Brooks will continue as vice-president.

Members of the ALC Board who continue at their posts are H. W. Allen of Hualien, W. H. Duncan from Vermilion, and A. L. Hogg from High River, Alberta.

A new face on the ALC Board of Directors this year is that of Dick Page of Didsbury. Mr. Page is also Director of FUA District 10. He was FUA representative at the recent Canadian Federation of Agriculture Hog Quality Conference in Montreal.

Referring to the recent and continuing campaign for a hog marketing board in Alberta, the ALC directors' report suggested that since the proposed plebiscite has been deferred, the FUA and the Federation of Agriculture should direct their efforts to the promotion and expansion of co-operative livestock marketing. The report pointed out that all sides in the marketing board controversy had recognized the merits of the co-operative approach to livestock marketing.

"The number of hogs sold by the ALC, for associations and for members at large, in the establishment of prices, are of major importance to all Alberta hog producers," the Board report stated. "This number does effectively establish prices, but total effectiveness is difficult to obtain without a much greater degree of support from many who by-pass our competitive channels of trade."

An overwhelming majority of delegates voted in favor of a resolution that ALC representation be continued on the present AFA Hog Marketing Committee, and that every consideration be given to the need and early implementation of an orderly hog marketing system.

In debate before the vote on

this resolution was taken, delegates pointed out that present hog marketings in the province could not be considered orderly with such a relatively small number of hogs setting prices for all in spite of the very excellent job the ALC was doing with those hogs consigned to it.

The ALC meeting also went on record as being in complete support of efforts of hog producers to improve quality.

A total of \$76,603 in deferred final payments for 1960 was allocated to members at large. A slight increase in the number of cattle and calves handled was noted. Decreases of from 6 to 12 per cent for the year in hog and sheep handlings were reported.

TAX STUDY STARTS

A three man committee of the FUA Board, headed by Mr. C. J. Versluys of Champion, has been set up to study the whole question of farm taxation in this province.

The FUA BOARD of Directors, meeting in Edmonton Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, has embarked on this study to dig up facts needed before any future policy on land taxation can be adopted by the FUA. Other members of the committee are Jack Muza of Empress, and Paul Babey of Edmonton.

"We want to find out whether or not the farmer is paying more than his share in municipal taxes," states FUA President Paul Babey. The question arises out of problems faced in suburban areas of the province. An example is Red Deer, where the spread of subdivisions outside of the city, with their increased demands for municipal services such as schools and roads, has caused mill rates to rise.

The committee intends to discuss the problems with J. M. McKay, president of the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts, Hon. A. J. Hooke, Minister of Municipal Affairs and the Provincial Treasurer Hon. E. W. Hinman. The committee is to report to the FUA Convention in Edmonton next December.

NFU Council to Discuss Farm Organization

At Barrie Ontario, a resort town on the western arm of Lake Simcoe, will assemble the 1964 annual NFU meeting of boards of directors of provincial farm unions July 27, 28 and 29.

Some 15 FUA Board members will join the group of about 100 at the National Farmers' Union Convention. The provincial farm unions sending delegates are from Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

"The NFU Council is going to take a critical look at the role of the National Farmers Union," says Paul Babey. "We will look closely at farm policies, our own, and those of government. And we are going to analyze the relationship between the NFU and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in the light of developments in Alberta and Manitoba."

Two men who should know quite a bit about efforts in these two provinces to reach a closer working relationship between the farm unions and federations of agriculture will report to the NFU Council.

Prof. E. J. Tyler of Brandon College, who headed a study into the question of farm organization in Manitoba, and Mr. Arnold Platt, who took part in a similar study in Alberta, will provide much food for thought for the delegates.

Mr. Babey says that the thinking of all the provinces will be considered, but that the feeling from Alberta will be that it is time for an all out effort to get a proper provincial structure in farm organization that will fill the needs of today's farmer.

"Our thinking will probably be along the lines of the recommendations made by the three man committee which studied farm organization in Alberta, Mr. Platt, Mr. Nesbitt, and Senator Cameron."

Canada's Minister of Agriculture Hon. Harry Hays has been invited to speak during the Council meeting.

cil meeting. He will discuss the objectives of federal agricultural policies. No doubt part of this discussion will deal with the recent changes in the moisture content requirements in export wheat.

JUNIOR FARM LEADER OF 1964



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District 8 Resume

By Mrs. M. Bruce

The sixteenth annual convention of the District 8 Farmers' Union of Alberta was held in the school auditorium, Forestburg, on June 18th. The delegates were welcomed by the Mayor of Forestburg, Mr. Con Oberg and the president of the board of trade, Mr. Norman Litke. Pastor Ken Ness gave the invocation.

Over one hundred delegates, officials, guests and visitors were present. During the morning officials gave their reports. Guest speakers included Mr. W. Harper, FUA radio commentator; Mr. Paul Babey, FUA president; Mrs. Florence Hallum, FWUA 1st vice-pres., and Mr. Walter Smart, Jr. FUA vice-pres. Fraternal delegates of the UGG, Wheat Pool, and CCIL were in attendance, as well as Mr. Halen of Co-op Insurance Services. Mr. Ken Nelson, assistant editor of The Organized Farmer, spoke briefly.

Eighteen resolutions were dealt with concerning the need for a road around Camrose; backsloping of banks opposite the end of all deadend roads; flour and sugar prices; women's section in any proposed farm organization; beverage containers; Hutterite colonies; requested bankruptcy act changed; succession duties; grading standards for wheat; etc.

The new board consists of the following: FUA director, W. R. Hansel, Gadsby; alt. FUA director, Rolf Jacobsen, Sedgewick; FWUA director, Mrs. W. H. Freadrich, Killam; alt. FWUA director, Mrs. Jas. Holmberg, Rosalind; Junior director, Lorne Niehaus, Heisler; alt. Jr. director, Austin Arntzen, Sedgewick. Sub-directors: Flagstaff Sub-Dist., T. Bruce, Sedgewick; Camrose Sub-Dist., Camrose Sub-Dist., James Holmberg, Rosalind; Stettler Sub-Dist., John Rose, Gadsby, and Paintearth Sub-Dist., Bud Pals, Castor. Secretary treasurer, Mrs. M. Bruce, Sedgewick. The Heisler FUA ladies served the dinner and afternoon lunch.

FUA To Contact Sugar Growers

The FUA Board of Directors has decided to contact the Southern Alberta Sugar Beet Growers Association for its views on requirements for a workable sugar policy for Canada.

The objective of a national sugar policy would be to curb wildly fluctuating sugar prices to the consumer.

The Board felt that before making any firm commitment on this question, more information was needed, especially the views of the farmers engaged in sugar production in Alberta. Mr. Olaf Mehlen of Iron Springs, Alberta, FUA Director for District 14 at Lethbridge, was empowered to meet with the sugar growers on the Board's behalf.

The CDA's central library in Ottawa is the largest in the country.

MORE CONVENTION REPORTS

DISTRICT 12 SUMMARY

By Mrs. J. Wegelin

Ninety-three delegates from 10 FWUA and 14 FUA locals met on June 16, in Okotoks, under cloudy and showery skies, for the annual District convention.

The meeting opened with "O Canada" and Invocation by Rev. Jenner who assured the farm group that the Church as a whole was interested in, and was studying the present-day problems of the farm family.

Representatives from the Co-op Insurance gave information on the management of the Company, of which the FUA is one of the shareholders. Mr. Gorrel, specialist in estate planning, gave some suggestions on benefits and money saving hints to be derived from proper planning.

Walter Smart, Jr. FUA president, told of the Goldeye Lake Camp—its size, facilities, cost, financing, and program of camps for the year.

Mr. Smart issued a plea to the FUA to not forget the 9000 Juniors. "All groups work together, but in different branches," he said.

It was agreed by the convention, to pay out-of-pocket expenses for anyone who would take a carload to the Junior FUA convention.

Just before adjourning for dinner, a presentation was made to Mr. Felix Noel, who will be moving to B.C. the end of this month. Mr. Versluys paid a well-deserved tribute to Mr. Noel for his untiring work, first as local president, then as sub-director. Tribute was also paid to Mrs. Noel, both for her work with the FUA as well as often managing the farm, giving Mr. Noel more FUA time.

Almost 100 enjoyed a delicious dinner, served by the ladies of the United Church.

In his after-dinner address, FUA president, Paul Babey touched on many of the FUA's problems: the misleading conceptions regarding farmers' incomes given by newspaper headlines which tell only part of the story; changes in regulations re moisture content in Japan and China for goodwill and wheat; organization of a tour to to contact new market outlets; present situation of the hog marketing board plebiscite—postponed, not cancelled; advantages in seeking more unity among farm organizations, and how this might be started.

A short discussion period followed, dealing principally with the proposed re-organization of the farm groups at the county level.

The following directors for District 12 were re-appointed by acclamation:

G. Versluys, Champion with Doug Gailbraith of Vulcan as alternate. Mrs. Mary Huddleston, with Mrs. Lola Lange, as alternate.

The following sub-directors had been introduced earlier: Mrs. Inge Marr, Pincher Creek; Mrs. Janet Hogg, High River; Mrs. Betty Papp, Milo Queenstown Local; Neil Ohler, Doug Galbraith, Henry McGlenn, Pincher Creek; W. Matlock, Champion; Harold Mills, Midnapore.

Mrs. Margaret House, secretary, was absent and was sadly missed by everyone as she was known to all. For reasons of health she has had to resign. It was unanimously the wish of the meeting that she be sent a token of appreciation.

Mrs. Hallum, FWUA vice-president, in her address stressed the importance of careful wording of resolutions submitted. She has had considerable experience on resolutions committees as a western conference delegate, and as delegate to Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

The FWUA is still working to have legislation passed to revise the adoption laws, and has been

working on the protection of widows' rights.

Attention was called to the FWUA project: The Dr. Irene Parlbay Scholarship Fund; contributions always welcome and needed.

Resolutions requesting the abolishing of federal 11% sales tax on drugs and medicines which imposes hardship on pensioners, and persons of limited means, and requesting that drivers' licenses be made of more durable material such as plastic, passed with no discussion.

A resolution submitted by the Arrowwood FWUA asked the Canadian Federation of Agriculture to arrange for an exchange of senior high school students during the summer holidays to promote better understanding between English and French cultures. It was adopted.

A resolution was introduced, dealing with the Hutterite question and asking that the Communal Property Control Board be dissolved, laws pertaining to Hutterites be rescinded and that Hutterites be subject to the same laws as other Alberta citizens as regards education, income tax, succession duties, etc. The resolution passed after considerable discussion.

Mr. Arnold Platt addressed the delegates, outlining the new farm organization proposals.

REPORT ON DISTRICT 3

By Ivan Nielsen

The annual FUA District 3 convention was held in the community hall at Jarvie on Friday, June 19th, 1964.

There were about 85 delegates and officials present.

Messrs R. Johnson, Picardville; C. Anderson, Freedom and T. Foster, Dapp were chairmen for the day.

Fr. De Rome, Jarvie, gave the invocation, Rev. H. Usher, Jarvie, gave the blessing at lunch which was served in the Legion Hall and Mr. G. Burrows, on behalf of the Jarvie community, gave the address of welcome. Mr. H. Anleron, Freedom, brought fraternal greetings from the Alberta Wheat Pool.

Reports of the District activities during the past year were given by District directors, Mr. W. D. Lee, Jarvie; Mrs. T. Preuss, Freedom and Mr. S. Chileen, Picardville (Jr.). The financial report was read by the District secretary Mr. I. Nielsen, Linaria.

Mrs. L. Johnston, FWUA president, spoke on FWUA affairs in the province. She recommended more joint sessions at the annual provincial conventions. Mrs. Johnston stated that the FWUA central board has set up committees to deal with health, Welfare, Agriculture, Education and Citizenship. She suggested that FWUA conferences should be held in each sub-district as well as districts.

Mr. K. Jensen, FUA Jr. president, reported on Jr. activities. He dealt chiefly with the Goldeye Lake Camp and the opportunities for young farm people to improve their knowledge through the different FUA sponsored courses and meetings.

Mr. A. Anderson, FUA vice-president, in his lengthy address stated that the affairs of the FUA are in good hands with Mr. Paul Babey as the new president. Change of leadership is often good, he claimed. The present generation's education in the theoretical field of co-operation is of utmost importance, he stated. The farmer is entitled to fair returns for his contributions to society.



PONOKA MEETING — District Nine Convention delegates elected a new alternate director on June 19, 1964. He is Lawrence Henderson of Spruceville local (left). Re-elected for another year is Mrs. C. E. Jones of Wetaskiwin (FWUA Director), and Dan Whitney of Lacombe (FUA Director). Paul Babey posed with them on the steps of the Ponoka Anglican Church Hall where the convention was held.

PRESIDENT'S DATE BOOK

"June was rather busy because of District Conventions. It is nice to be able to look at July and see a few free dates."

1. Junior Convention at Gold Eye Lake.
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4. Family Camp at Gold Eye Lake.
5. Family Camp at Gold Eye Lake.
6. B.C. Farm Union Convention, Ft. St. John, B.C.
7. Co-op Insurance Services Building Opening, Regina.
8. Alberta Livestock Co-op Annual Meeting, Edmonton.
9. Alberta Livestock Co-op Annual Meeting, Edmonton.
10. Co-op Booth at Calgary Stampede.
11. Co-op Booth at Calgary Stampede.
13. F.U.A. Summer Board Meeting, Edmonton.
14. F.U.A. Summer Board Meeting, Edmonton.
15. F.U.A. Summer Board Meeting, Edmonton.
27. National Farmers Union Meeting, Barry, Ontario.
28. National Farmers Union Meeting, Barry, Ontario.
29. National Farmers Union Meeting, Barry, Ontario.

The co-ops, if properly developed, can solve many of the farmers' economic problems.

Mr. Anderson also mentioned the hog marketing problems. He stated that the opponents of the hog marketing board advocate elimination of the small hog producers. He also claimed that the retail chainstores, one of the strongest forces in present day economy, are gradually taking over packing plants, farms, feedlots, etc. and may soon be in a position to buy out farmers at their own figures. The general opinion shared by governments and farm leaders is that although it is too early for a showdown in regard to hog marketing boards, the issue should not be deferred too long. Mr. Anderson dealt briefly with the new plan for farm organizations, proposed by the AFA committee and several other items of current interest to farmers.

Dr. H. Horner, M.P. for Jasper-Edson, spoke briefly on the ARDA program. The chief items of the program are: better use of land, rural developments and water and soil conservation. He stated that the initial steps toward implementation of these important improvements for the farmers must come from the local level. Many of the items handled at present through the PFRA should be taken over by the ARDA program. Dr. Horner informed the meeting that many needed jobs for small or part time farmers could be created through the ARDA developments.

The Freedom-Naples FWUA won the highly contested trophy for the best locals' report. Mrs. F. Krysa gave the report and the trophy was presented by Mr. Warren of the Rochester FUA local, last year's winner. The judges of the contest were the three provincial presidents of the organization.

Eight resolutions were dealt with by the delegates.

Results of elections were: W. D. Lea, Jarvie, FUA director; Mrs. T. Preuss, Freedom, FWUA director; A. Balay, Rochester, FUA alternate director; Mrs. D. Wortman Westlock, FWUA alternate director; Mr. S. Chileen, Picardville, FUA Jr. director and Miss S. Balay, Rochester, FUA alternate director.

The delegates decided that the 1964 District #3 dinners be held at Athabasca and Westlock. The 1965 district convention to be held at Boyle.

The members of the Jarvie UCW served a very delicious lunch at noon and refreshments in the afternoon.

IGNITION CONFERENCE

A conference unique in the automotive industry, with direct practical interest to today's modern farmer is to take place in Montreal in mid-September.

This is the sixth annual Ignition and Engine Performance Conference. More than 80 United States, Canadian, and European oil companies and engine manufacturers will have delegates at this meeting.

Top engineers, often from competing companies, will take part in open forum type discussions on problems, activities, and research of common interest. The meeting is sponsored by the Champion Spark Plug Company.

Discussions of this type in the past have led directly to improved designs for spark plugs, engines, and ignition systems. Better matching of fuels to engines, and more efficient maintenance practices have also resulted from previous conferences.

Evergreen Girl Named Junior Leader of the Year

Feature of the Jr. F.U.A. convention this year was the selection of the Alberta Junior Farm Leader of the Year. This competition, rated a success by delegates when they endorsed its becoming annual, was won by a pert, sparkling 18-year-old from Evergreen, Alberta.

Miss Carol Szymanek is the first person to be recognized as Junior Farm Leader of the Year by the farm organization. She was placed just ahead of Bill Snyder of Carstairs by the three judges. Russell Rae of Calgary was third. Evergreen is about thirty miles east of Red Deer.

Judges were Bert Kellicut of the Alberta Wheat Pool staff, Dean Lien of the U.F.A. Co-op staff, and Bill Scarf of the United Grain Growers.

Other contestants in this first-ever Junior Farm Leader competition were Bernard Blom of Coro-

nado, Allen Shermack of Camrose, and Edward Pimm of Grimshaw.

Contestants were judged on their public speaking ability, their contribution to their own local organizations such as 4-H, Jr. F.U.A., church and school. Other factors such as personality, and knowl-

edge of co-op and farm organization fundamentals counted highly in the judges' scoring.

Miss Szymanek was presented with her trophy by F.U.A. President Paul Babey. He said he was pleased with the choice the judges had made, and he congratulated all the contestants on the good showing they had made.

For winning the first Junior Leader award, Miss Szymanek received a cash award of \$25, and a choice of one of three award trips as well as the handsome trophy. Carol chose the trip to the Montana Jr. Farmers Camp later this summer. The two other awards, to a Saskatoon Co-op College leadership course, or to the Banff Leadership Training Conference, were made available to the runners up.

The Junior Farm Leader of the Year award replaces the former Queen Contest, which had always been part of Junior conventions. The new contest gives young people a wider scope for this award competition.

Second Goldeye Convention Great

Goldeye Camp provided splendid facilities for the 1964 Junior Farmers' Union of Alberta Annual Convention, July 2-3.

Forty-four delegates attended from all parts of the province. Including visitors, some sixty souls sat through a varied program.

The juniors heard talks by both the FUA and FWUA presidents each stressing the need for the development of young and vigorous leadership in the farm organization.

Ken Jensen of Ponoka was re-elected President, Walter Smart of Mannville was returned as Vice-President, Charles White of Stony Plain is Second Vice-President, while Cecil Hoven of Eckville was named executive member.

Four out-of-province visitors were on hand this year. Patricia Knox and Delmer Cavanagh, members of the Ontario Junior Farmer, were mid-way through their tour of the province, which was to include the Calgary Stampede

the following week. They had already seen the Peace River District, and other parts of the province.

Two girls from Kinley, Saskatchewan also attended the Junior Convention this year. Jill Good and June Whaley represented the Saskatchewan Junior Farmers' Union. Both girls said they were very much impressed with the Gold Eye Camp set-up.

The Junior Farm Leader of the Year Award, held for the first time this year, was won by Carol Szymanek of the Eckville district. Runner-up was Bill Snyder of Carstairs, while Russell Rae of Calgary came third.

Russell Rae was also half of

the debating championship team. Judges Dean Lien, Bert Kellicut and Paul Babey awarded the debates' trophy to the team entered from the Conrich Junior Local, near Calgary. Russell's team mate was Ann Lester. They defeated Charles White and Gary Scheiderman of the Keephills Local. Debate topic was, "Be it Resolved that Canada become the 51st State in the Union." Conrich took the negative side.

Great Britain Looks At Farm Prices

Great Britain is in the process of reviewing prices paid farmers for their products.

The National Farmers' Union of England and Wales is seeking a 25 per cent increase in farm incomes over the next three years.

Farmers have increased their net production by 50 per cent since World War II, according to the NFU, but the increase in farm incomes in real terms has been only 10 per cent. This compares to the 50 per cent increase in income for the community generally during the same period of time.

Expo-67 Is A World-Wide Show

The Canadian Government-created World Exhibition, to be held in Montreal April 28, 1967 to October 27, 1967 is an "all-Canadian" effort for a world wide show. It is a project designed to spark a tremendous boost in the Canadian economy and a new surge of national morale. It calls for a co-operative effort at every level of Canadian national life in order to display to the other nations of the world the creative ability and the capacity for achievement that rests within this nation.

The widely used nickname of "Montreal World's Fair" is entirely erroneous and could not be farther from either the truth or the real purpose of World's Exhibition '67.

The Exhibition, with the Province of Quebec and Montreal participating in the costs, is recognized by the 31-nation International Exhibitions Bureau. It is the first such Exhibition held in the Americas. It is authorized by the Government of Canada which established, by an act of Parliament, the Exhibition's Canadian Corporation as its executive agency. EXPO-67 belongs to Canadians and, because it does, it places Canada's reputation as a nation on the line.

It is indeed a great all-Canadian enterprise and a challenge to every Canadian from St. John's and Heart's Content in Newfoundland to Victoria, B.C.



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Summer Board Meet Hears Nelson Malm

Alberta farm organizations are in the process of working out closer working relationships.

One example of this took place last week, involving the Farmers Union and the Alberta Federation of Agriculture.

On July 14, Mr. Nelson Malm, of the Alberta Federation, accepted an invitation by the FUA Board of Directors to attend a part of their Summer Board Meeting.

Two issues were uppermost in Mr. Malm's mind. Concern for the Board of Grain Commissioners' decision to tighten the rules on moisture content of grain, and a desire to express himself on some of the current proposals for bringing about a more unified farm organization structure in the province had prompted him to accept the FUA invitation.

Mr. Malm, vice president of the Alberta Wheat Pool, was able to bring the FUA Board up to date on the change in moisture content levels, which is to go into effect August 1.

The Board of Grain Commissioners has decided to lower the percentage of moisture which wheat can have before it can be classed as dry. This effects only spring wheat and durum. The percentage of moisture allowable in wheat is to be reduced by one half of one per cent.

What will in effect happen is that the percentages quoted to the farmer by his elevator agent will read the same as last year, but instruments used to measure the moisture content will have been re-set. Dry classification will still start at 14.5 per cent.

The new settings will bring Canadian moisture content in to line with the levels used in the rest of the world. Mr. Malm said that one problem the old setting

caused was that dryer United States grain enjoyed a sales advantage over our wheat because buyers were getting more wheat and less water in every ship load.

The FUA Board agreed with Mr. Malm that because of wet harvest conditions which do occur from time to time in Northern Alberta, it might not always be possible to harvest wheat dry enough to fit the new rules. This might encourage farmers to harvest on the tough side, rather than wait too long and have the crop snowed under.

To counter this possibility, the FUA Board passed a resolution asking the Board of Grain Commissioners to consider setting up a new category in which wheat close to "dry" could be accepted, without it being ruled "tough" or "damp". A price differential would then be used to deter over-use of the new classification.

New developments in farm organization, stemming from an AFA study last winter (by A. W. Platt, L. Nesbitt, and Sen. Cameron), were discussed with Mr. Malm. Object of the proposed new farm organization framework is to reduce duplication of effort by bodies representing agriculture. Mr. Malm commented that farmers must try to get as close together as possible.

"We will never get anywhere if we cannot agree among ourselves. I think we are on the right track. If we follow it, we should be able to achieve some worthwhile goals."

MARKETING BOARD . . .

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development of additional research, and the study of marketing procedures. The plan is to be financed by a compulsory license fee

calculated on the volume and quality of the apple crop. The vote on this plan was taken by secret ballot at producers meetings. It indicated that some 69 per cent of the producers were in favour.

SHADE STEERS FOR PROFITS?

Do fattening steers need shade to make the best possible gains? Research work at the CDA's Lethbridge Research Station indicates that they do!

To make a comparison, Dr. R. D. Clark placed two groups of eight yearling Hereford steers on irrigated pasture on May 22, 1963. One group was provided with shade which consisted of a plywood roof on poles; the other was given no shade at all.

Each steer was fed a total of 1,476 pounds of ground barley (10.6 pounds per day). The steers were taken off pasture on October 8, slaughtered and rail graded.

Dr. Clark found the steers with shade had gained 412 pounds each, against 389 pounds for the unshaded group during the test period. The unshaded group drank more water but ate less minerals. Dressing percentages were about the same for both groups. Feed costs per pound of gain were 8.77 cents per pound for the steers with shade against 9.26 cents for those with none.

The profit per steer was \$14.31 for the shaded group while it was \$9.72 for the unshaded group; or

CONFERENCE HELD AT EDGERTON

Mrs. Lena Belik and Mrs. Frances Redmond chaired a most interesting District 7 FWUA Conference in Edgerton on June 3rd. Eleven locals were represented about 60 delegates present.

The program for the day began with Morning Thoughts by Rev. Emerson. We then heard interesting reports from the secretaries of the 11 locals present. After a lovely noon luncheon served by the O.O.R.P. from Edgerton, Mrs. C. James, FWUA Vice-President gave a very interesting talk on "Role of Women in the Proposed New Farm Organization." A good discussion followed.

Resolutions were presented and discussed.

Mr. W. J. Harper, FUA Radio Commentator, spoke and showed pictures of his tour of Cuba.

There was a lovely display of handicraft with Heath FWUA Local winning first prize with Rosyth and Sydenham Gerald tied for second place.

Afternoon tea was served by the Hope Valley Local.

a difference of \$4.69 per steer in profit.

No allowance was made in the calculations for the cost of shade.

CO-EVER PROJECTS NEED MORE CASH

Results of the 1963-64 fund-raising campaign for Co-operatives Everywhere, the Co-operative Union of Canada's aid program, is described as "disappointing."

The board of directors, in its annual report to the CUC annual meeting this week in Charlottetown, said \$9,278 was contributed in the 12-month period ended June 30. Of this \$3,566 came from organizations and \$5,712 from individuals.

The board recommends that each individual co-op be asked to take on responsibility for raising a specific sum from its members and employees. The sum "might be arrived at by multiplying the number of members by 25 cents".

The report says that the department of northern affairs and national resources provided \$9,000 during the period for Co-Ever projects.

The directors reported that one Co-Ever field worker is in the eastern Arctic helping Eskimo co-ops. And they proposed additional aid programs in the Great Slave Lake region and the Little Eight islands of the West Indies.

John Wickware of Saskatoon moved in May with his wife and daughter Kathleen to Frobisher Bay, N.W.T., to undertake a project of co-operative education and promotion in the eastern Arctic.

Co-Ever also hopes to station a second field worker in the North, probably serving the lower MacKenzie Valley and the western side of Hudson Bay.

During the year three specialists were sent to the North on short-term assignments.

The directors said they are concerned about the stability of some Eskimo co-ops particularly those handling food and household supplies.

"A co-operative in the North encounters unusually difficult problems and careful guidance is needed over quite a period of time."

The report also says Co-Ever will eventually extend aid to the Little Eight islands of the West

Indies, with the first project in the Barbados.

It adds: "Some co-operatives on the islands want to explore the possibility of establishing trading relations between co-ops in the Caribbean and Canada."

Co-Ever hopes to have a full-time field worker in the Great Slave Lake region to follow up a study of co-op possibilities among the people there. The CUC made the study last year for the Northwest Territories Council.

OPEN FORUM

Dear Pansy:

Well, the Calgary Stampede is over for 1964. We had a very busy week at the Co-op Center at the Stampede grounds.

Hundreds rested and visited with us there, and I had so many appreciative remarks and sincere thanks for such a restful and beautiful place as we had in our booth.

One woman stopped to tell me that she travels quite a lot and that no where else, even Toronto, has she seen anything to equal it. I believe she was most sincere.

Another person stood waiting while I was busy. "I wanted to speak to you last year," she said, "But you were busy." This time I said I would wait until I could express my own and my friends' thanks for such a place.

I received many such remarks. I am sure the men on duty in the booth did also.

Many more contacts were made and there seemed to be more questions asked me than last year. On Monday alone, I had eight from Ontario.

There were people at the booth from Montana, Washington, British Columbia, Quebec, New Brunswick, and more from Ontario than I have ever seen before. The people who spoke to me were mostly women, but I believe women are more interested in asking questions than men are.

I did have the vice president of the Manitoba Farmers' Union and his wife stop by. And one member of the Farmers' Union of Scotland spoke to us in the booth. He was very interested, and I believe we had the answers to his questions.

Sincerely,
Mrs. A. M. Barker

The Editor
Organized Farmer

Dear Sir:

Some time ago, you ran a series of articles titled "Grain is Your Business". At the time, I felt that something more should have been said about the Canada Grain Act.

I have personally had some disputes with elevator agents in my time, which could have been very easily settled by referring to the Act. However, it has been my experience that some elevator agents are not familiar with the Grain Act. Many do not even have a copy.

I feel that grain producers should make themselves aware of the contents of the Grain Act. It governs most of the procedures through which grain is sold in Western Canada. It would be in the producer's own interest to obtain a copy from the Queen's Printer in Ottawa, and read it carefully.

It is also my opinion that the Act's requirement, that all elevators must have a copy of this statute on hand, should be enforced. This would help when misunderstandings arise over the use of elevator storage facilities while the present Wheat Board quota system is in effect.

Yours sincerely,
John Lopushensky,
Gage, Alberta

About four million copies of Canada Department of Agriculture publications were distributed free in the fiscal year 1962-63.

The Canada Department of Agriculture central library in Ottawa was founded in 1910 and has 235,000 volumes.

PER CAPITA MEAT CONSUMPTION BY COUNTRY — 1962

Country	Beef & Veal lbs.	Pork lbs.	Mutton & Lamb lbs.	Canned Meat lbs.	Total lbs.
New Zealand	105	33	96	*	235
Australia	93	23	98	7	221
Uruguay	159	18	36	*	213
Argentina	164	12	14	*	202
United States	95	64	5	*	164
United Kingdom	52	49	24	13	138
Canada	76	53	4	4	137
Denmark	43	88	1	*	133
France	69	48	5	*	130
Switzerland	57	63	1	*	123

*Canned meat included with other types of meat.
(No figures available on the consumption of offal.)

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Quo Vadis?

Got A BEEF . . . Then Share It!

The above cartoon was intended to give voice to a problem plaguing agriculture. In this, it more or less succeeds.

Yet there are many more problems, events, situations, tangled through our industry, waiting to be illuminated by some wit with a pen. Which wit will?

A good cartoon contains the essence of a situation, event, or personality. It is usually humorous in intent. It should be thought provoking.

For many people, cartooning is a hobby. Others use cartoon as a means of protest. Still others find cartooning a way of amusing themselves. To any of our readers who feel they have an ability to create cartoons, the editors of The Organized Farmer have set up a "CARTOON OF THE MONTH CLUB."

Any reader may submit cartoons. Subject matter should bear on the farm organization, or farm problems, or agriculture in general. All cartoons submitted will be viewed by a selection committee. The best one each month will be published in The Organized Farmer, provided the selection committee feels it is good enough.

All cartoons submitted become the property of the F.U.A. None will be returned. Presently, consideration is being given to presenting a prize to the best author of the year. All works sent in will be considered. Send your work to CARTOON OF THE MONTH, c/o F.U.A., 9934-105 Street, Edmonton, Alta.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RESULTS OF ORGANIZED EFFORT ARE PLAINLY SEEN IN ALBERTA

By Paul Babey

Since my last report crop conditions provincially range from good to bad. In Southern Alberta conditions are generally very good with only fair moisture conditions in the S. E. corner. West of Red Deer some areas have more rain than they need.

Part of Central Alberta is generally dry except for spotty showers in a few areas. The crop appears about 20% poorer than last year. Many areas require rain. North Eastern Alberta is poorer than last year. The crop is deteriorating rapidly. Drought damage is evident and late crops have not even germinated. Northwest areas show good crops in shot blade to heading. Peace River — Grande Prairie reports indicate good growing conditions — much better than last year.

It is rather surprising to hear of drought conditions in the north-eastern portion of the province, where for the past 5 years they have had normal rainfall. The fact that drought can occur in these promising areas, indicates a standing need for crop insurance. If the farmer is expected to meet his financial commitments in the fall then it is impossible to rely only on the good grace of the weatherman.

Through organized efforts the farmers of this province have been able to secure crop insurance legislation. Recently our minister of agriculture named the five man committee responsible for getting the crop insurance program under way. They are Mr. J. M. McKay a district farmer and President of the A.A.M.D.; Mr. G. Elder from the Alberta Hail Insurance Board; Mr. Geo. Crampton — Daysland district farmer; Mr. Art Wilson, Alberta Field Crops Commissioner and Ed. Nelson, past president of the FUA and at present a full time farmer at Brightview.

With these responsible and dedicated men in charge I'm positive that crop insurance can work. It is true it will take a lot of trial and error before we can determine rates for designated areas. To be really successful however it is going to mean that farmers too, must co-operate if we want to establish fair rates. I am sure the committee would welcome any suggestions from our members that would make this proposal become operative.

JUNIOR CAMP

It is difficult to find words to express the view as I saw it for the first time at Gold Eye Lake. One wonders, however, how on earth did the first committee, looking for sites, ever find the lake?

Gold Eye Lake is roughly triangular, covering perhaps 200 acres. To the west can be seen the grandeur of the glacier-clad Rockies. Around the lake are steep hills solidly covered by tall, straight pine. A pier and a roped off safe swimming area extend into the lake, and thousands of fingerling trout tease the teenage fishermen and swimmers.

In the dense young forest on the east bank one finds a slight clearing and out of it rises a new structure — the pavilion. It too symbolizes youth — the tall windows reaching into the roof structure give the building an upward look, as though it is gazing into the future. A feeling of parenthood is expressed with the small cabins surrounding the super structure — fitting for a family camp. The uphill drive through the tree-lined roadway into the camp site leads to accomplishment of which organized agriculture in Alberta can be proud.

The Junior Annual meeting was held in Gold Eye on July 2 and 3. Attendance was higher than last year and full participation was evident as soon as the program got underway. The Farm Leader-

ship Award, given for the first time this year, met with reasonable success.

Six entrants from the province contested for the prizes. Competition was close and judges found themselves preparing additional special tests before a final selection was made. We look forward to having an entry from every district next year.

A very healthy discussion took place on the future structure of our juniors. One significant point was stressed that the youth section needs assistance from the seniors.

A new idea coming from the meeting was the suggestion to set up an "Agriculture Hall of Fame" Farm people who have made a real contribution to agriculture would be eligible and a selection committee would choose the top two each year.

The meeting unanimously endorsed an intense campaign to solicit funds for Gold Eye Lake with a view to completing the project in the very near future.

Teen camps are in full swing and Gold Eye Camp will be fully operative until late in August.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

District Conventions throughout the province were impressive. It is amazing to find the tremendous amount of voluntary effort being put forth by members and officials. Most conventions were well attended. Ladies catering for the noon meals added the homey touch and wonderful meals were enjoyed by all. One minor problem was that the president grossly overate at most conventions.

Resolutions covered a wide field. Taxation is a problem and requires thorough study. There seemed to be a genuine desire at every convention for "one united voice for agriculture". Problems in the marketing of agriculture commodities were also echoed at most meetings — hog marketing being a main issue. Machinery quarantees — a perennial topic, received good airing.

In summary, District conventions are a very vital part of the

A TIP

Keep your FWUA Cook Book in a clear plastic bag when not in use and when using the book open it to the recipe you wish to make, then put the open book in the bag. It is very easy to read through the plastic bag and this keeps the book in good condition — no drops or splashes.

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The Cook Book makes a useful and appreciated shower gift.

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Tenders will be opened August 1, 1964. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

LOCAL NOTES

ROYCE FWUA 203 — has sent ten dollars to the Infant Incubator Fund for the Fairview Hospital. And \$20 was donated to the Gold Eye Lake Camp.

IMPERIAL FWUA 621 — has donated items to the Canadian Mental Health Association. Next meeting is August 6 at the Stienwand home.

PELICAN FWUA 707 — decided to enter a float in the Edgerton Parade.

WILD ROSE FWUA 1108 —

was pleased to have Virginia Hansen, nurse in training, give demonstrations of two methods of artificial respiration, along with other hints on first aid.

HEATH FWUA 703 — sends \$5 toward the purchase of curtains for the Gold Eye Lake Camp.

GLIECHEN FWUA 1010 — met at the home of Mrs. Brian Burne with 20 members and two visitors. Plans were made for a picnic for all members and their families August 1 at the McMillan home. On October, this local plans its annual dance at the Meadowbrook Hall.



... and What Does The FUTURE Hold In Store?

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**FARM INSURANCE POOL
RETURNS**

6.6% DIVIDEND

ON 1963 PREMIUMS

**FARM INSURANCE POOL
DIVIDEND RECORD**

1962 — 4%

1963 — 6.6%

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**AUTO POOL DIVIDEND
RECORD**

1960 — 4%, 1961 — 7%, 1962 — 5%

1963 — In spite of heavy losses throughout the auto insurance industry in 1963, the F.U.A. Auto Pool managed to show a small surplus. On the advice of our Insurance Committee no dividend will be declared this year. The surplus amount will be added to next year's earnings.

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Stock Growers Could Protect Themselves

By Bill Harper

Last fall a livestock buyer in Northern Alberta went bankrupt and about 1,000 farmers lost a total of nearly one-quarter million dollars as a result.

While this case has not yet been finally wound up, these farmers will not recover very much of this one-quarter million.

Farmers in Southern Alberta are facing a similar situation, a fairly large livestock concern that has recently gone broke, and it seems that once again, a number of farmers may suffer serious losses.

Ever since last fall there has been heavy pressure on the provincial government to bring in legislation which will give the primary producer some protection in cases of this sort, but so far nothing has been done.

About the end of June the department of agriculture called a meeting which was attended by representatives of packing plants, livestock commission firms, auction markets, the A.F.A., the F.U.A., Western Stock Growers and a number of MLA's. The purpose of the meeting was to look at the whole question of protection for the livestock producer, when he sells his stock.

It was pointed out that the first time livestock dealers were required to post a bond for the protection of livestock producers was in 1956. This bond was for \$2,000, in the case of individual dealers and \$5,000 in the case of companies. It was meant to protect producers only.

The result was that 20% of the little dealers went out of business, either because they were not willing to pay for the bonding, or because no bonding company would have them. This was a good move.

For the next three years, there was not a single claim on a livestock bond, which is a very good record. However, things have not been so good since. In 1959, there were two bond claims, but the farmers got their money in full.

About this time the Act was changed so that dealers were also protected under this bond. Since 1959 there have been 17 bond claims. In 8 of these cases, the farmers got all their money. In many of the others they suffered some loss.

C. I. S. PASSES HALF BILLION MARK

Total life insurance in force for Co-operative Insurance Services has passed the half billion dollar mark according to G. Lloyd Matheson, CIS general manager. The new mark of \$501,847,729 results from a 100 percent increase in life business in less than twenty-four months.

Total Group business for the Company increased 14.3 percent from December 31, 1963 to date, with \$405,745,213 now in force.

Credit Union insurance continued to push up totals with Loan Insurance showing a 20.6 per cent rise since December 31, 1963 and Savings Insurance 25.3 per cent.

Individual life insurance increased from \$87,943,000 as at December to \$96,102,000.

As he announced the new totals Mr. Matheson drew attention to the dramatic increases in business that Co-op Life has effected over the past twenty years. The first one hundred million dollars of business took 13 years to reach. The second hundred million required 2 years, 7 months; the third, 1 year, 5 months; the fourth, 1 year, 2 months and the fifth hundred million only 10 months.

Mr. Matheson also reported an improved position for Co-op Fire and Casualty Company with a net gain for the five-month period December 31, 1963 to May 31, 1964 of \$91,477,000.

It seems to me that the government is unable to make up its mind what should be done. So far, bonding has not been too successful. The bonds have by no means covered all the losses, but it has been very good business for the bond companies. They have taken in a lot of money in premiums from livestock dealers, and have paid out only 40% of it in claims.

There are two or three other suggestions which came up during the discussion. One is a shippers' trust account such as packers and commission firms must use. The money received for livestock goes into a trust account which is supervised by the government and the farmer has first claim on the account.

However, the government says that if a dealer is using his own money he can't be forced to put it into a trust account.

One suggestion which was put forward strongly by the MLA's present at this meeting was that an indemnity fund should be set up by deducting a very small amount—maybe 10 cents per animal or one-tenth of 1% of the price, and set this sum aside to cover the farmer's loss when a dealer failed to pay. This fund could be administered by the dealers in co-operation with each other. It would be much like the old compensation insurance.

The government was not very enthusiastic and the dealers present were definitely opposed, which is understandable because it would mean more work for them, but I think the idea has merit. It is simply an insurance fund, provided by the stock producers to protect themselves against losses. It is no different from any other form of insurance, and in spite of any opposition which may develop from dealers, packers, commission men, or the government, I think farmers would be well advised to press for it, at least until some very good practical reasons can be found against it.

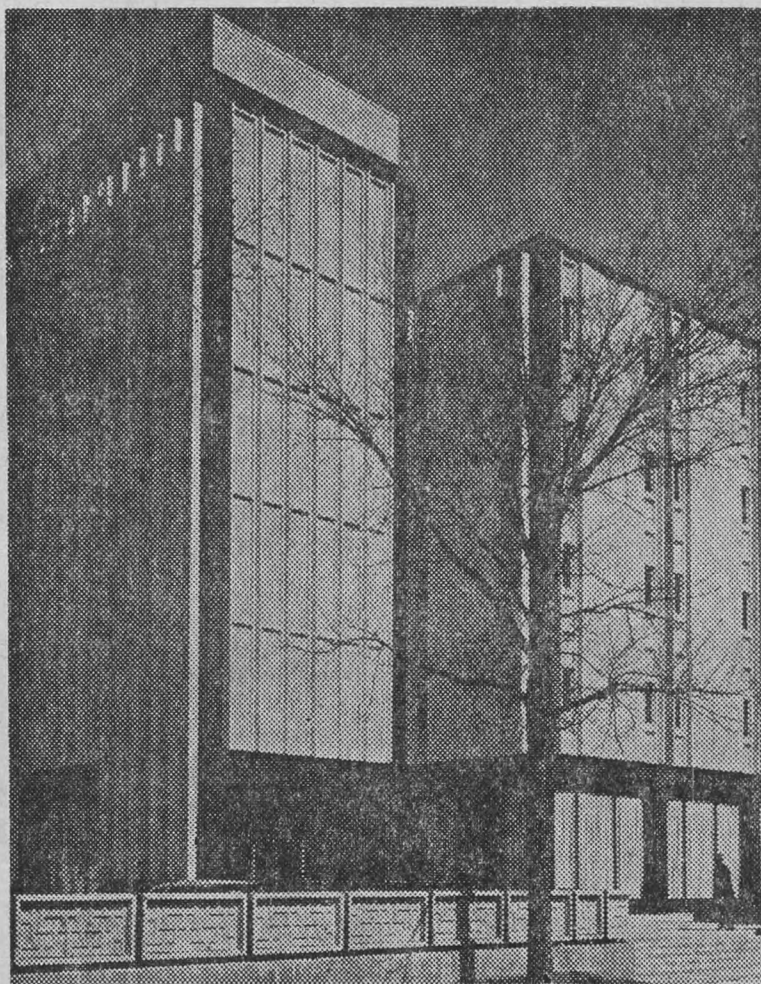
The last thing I want to say is that farmers are far too careless, and too trusting. How many of them ever ask to see a dealer's license? How many of them check with the bank, or with the government or the F.U.A. about his credit rating? They just don't do it and this to me, shows a very great lack of business ability. I think too, that the government has not done its job. They should check on these dealers' annual financial statements and make sure that their business is being properly conducted.

Milk From Waste

Machine-made milk is expected to be on sale in London shops in the next few months. Trial marketings have been carried out and equipment has been prepared in readiness for a starting output of 100 gallons a week, then 50 gallons a day, and after that as much as is needed to meet demand—in Britain and possibly export markets.

It was in 1956 that a team led by Dr. N. B. Franklin started investigations to find a process to manufacture "milk": in 1961 the firm of Plantmilk Ltd., was established to develop the process commercially.

Premises are shared with a firm which handles and processes vegetable produce for the food industry,



OFFICIALLY OPENED — In Regina, this five-story head office building of Co-operative Insurance Services was opened by George Viereck, Prince Rupert, President of C.I.S. This one million dollar building is dedicated to the policy holders of C.I.S., to the pioneers of the co-op movement, and to the belief that through co-operative ownership and control of economic institutions, people may provide essential services for themselves with the greatest assurance of security and freedom.

WHO IS TO CONTROL FARMING?

In a newsletter published each month by the Agricultural Central Co-operative Ltd. of London, England, there appeared recently an article which ties in well with some of the discussions presently taking place among farmers in Western Canada. We reproduce it here to show views from another country on a problem which is of current and parallel concern here.

Who is to Control Farming?

Farmers have traditionally trudged to market with their stuff, asked the buyer what he'd give for it, taken it, and gone meekly home to raise more. Weak and single-handed they have come up against buyers who were relatively few and strong.

In some cases co-ops have tried to help. We've seen some of them perform brilliantly, others have languished, some have died.

Up to now, we've been able to coast along in this fashion, but we can't from here on. Farmers are faced with a decision that can't be put off for long:

Will they control and run their own business or will they let someone else do it for them?

Consider these facts:

Buyers are becoming even fewer and stronger.

Government programs are leaving farmers more and more disillusioned about salvation by that route.

Private industry has begun to

and so far most of the raw materials for Plantmilk have been trimmings and waste from this business.

So far, by-products from ordinary vegetable crops such as cabbage leaves and carrot tops have been used, but successful trials have also been carried out with a number of raw materials including nettles and other weeds. Pea pods are reported to be a good material for use.

Commercial assessment up-to-date is that the cow is winning on costs: but it is thought that a high demand for the machine-made milk could bring prices more in line.

PATERNITY

A Member of Parliament, noted for his limited intelligence, who had become a prominent politician once amazed Parliament with a particularly brilliant speech. As he sat down amid thunderous applause, a lone voice from the Opposition benches cried out: "Author! Author!"

move in to 'integrate' farmers which simply means putting under single control, so far as possible, all the steps from raising the food to selling it to the consumer. The integrator gains a measure of control over the whole works.

There is nothing bad about integration. It has economic advantages and we are going to see more of it. Pioneer farmers, who produced, processed, and ate their own food were integrators 100 per cent. When you package and sell your own stuff at the road side stand, you are an integrator. When a co-operative processes and sells your crop, it is an integrator.

The biggest question now is not whether there will be more integration, but who the integrator will be?

If it is to be farmers, singly or in groups, then they will continue to run their own business.

If it is to be somebody else, then someday that somebody will control agriculture, and farmers will be somewhere along the road to becoming hired men working for wages.

The broiler industry has shown how it can happen. In most cases nowadays, all the grower does is furnish the house and feed the chickens. He usually gets paid so much a pound, varying with his efficiency. He gets a sure return, such as it is, and takes only limited risk. The feed company or poultry processor owns the chickens, furnishes the feed, tells him pretty much what to do, and has him deliver the chickens on call. (In a few places co-ops now offer broiler contracts).

No one can blame the feed companies. They have an excellent product to sell and are merely trying to increase and stabilize their market. Some have been forced into the banking business, unwillingly, by competition. Moreover, some farmers involved in these deals are making more money, with less risk, than ever before, particularly in low income areas.

Do we have anyone but our-

Guarantee Question Aired

An FUA resolution calling for a guarantee on farm tractors, stipulating the number of engine hours to be covered, rather than the "time guarantee" used presently, has sparked interest and action by the Alberta Department of Agriculture and the Wholesale Implement Association.

At a meeting held this spring in the office of Hon. Harry E. Strom, Minister of Agriculture, it was decided that more information was needed on the kinds and numbers of complaints by farmers who have run into trouble getting satisfaction on guarantees. Present at this meeting were representatives of the wholesalers, and a dozen rural MLAs.

The FUA has been asked to report detailed information on cases brought to its attention. At the same time, MLAs from rural areas are to keep a record of complaints received by them from farmers having trouble with guarantees on farm machines. These records will be collected for one year.

At the end of that time, the details of these complaints will be sent to the Wholesale Implement Association for investigation. The Association will in turn report its findings to Mr. Strom. These reports will be discussed and examined by the people concerned at a meeting to be held in about a year.

The FUA asks farmers to co-operate with this survey. Cases involving guarantees on farm equipment should be reported either to the FUA, or to the local MLA. From this, positive action could result.

Hillbilly Float Wins \$50 Prize

By Joan Papp

The Buffalo Hillbillies, sponsored by the Buffalo Hills Jr. FUA travelled to the Bassano Stampede Parade on July 1, and the Calgary Stampede on July 6.

Depicting the famous Clampets from Beverly Hills, they carried their most precious possessions with them on their old model A Ford Truck.

Although the Buffalo Hillbillies did not make an oil strike, they did get a third prize of \$50 in the Western-Division of the Calgary Stampede Parade.

YOU HAVE TO HAVE CONNECTIONS

LOW voltage available, which can be corrected by replacing the coil, would probably lead most of us to assume that the coil was defective.

This seemed to be the case in a recent call made by a Champion Service Engineer. However, shortly after replacing the coil, the same symptom, low voltage, showed up again. This time, a replacement coil also showed low voltage available. A coil known to be functioning properly was then removed, and this time the voltage available was normal. A bench check of the last two coils indicated both were up to specification.

An inch-by-inch check of the primary system finally revealed the culprit... an almost invisible break in the ignition switch-to-coil primary terminal at the coil. Evidently, a strand or two of this wire would make contact, but couldn't carry sufficient current to saturate the coil. Result... low voltage available.

Some things improve with age... ignition systems do not. A good tractor tune-up calls for a thorough check of all connections. Clean, if corroded... replace if broken.

selves to blame if we sit by while someone else is alert enough to seize the opportunities that lie in integration?

—Carrol P. Streeter,
(Editor Farm Journal)

